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REMARKS

Claims 13-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 22, 23 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 22 has been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, amended claim 22 recites, among other aspects, "the outer layer further comprises an element of the group consisting of Hf, Zr, La, Ce and other elements of the Lanthanide group." Support for this amendment may be found in paragraphs [0047] and [0048] of U.S. Pub. No.: 2005/0238907. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 32 has been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, amended claim 34 recites, among other aspects, "the outer layer further comprises an element of the group consisting of Hf, Zr, La, Ce and other elements of the Lanthanide group." Support for this amendment may be found in paragraphs [0038], [0047] and [0048] of U.S. Pub. No.: 2005/0238907. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 23 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-12 have been previously cancelled.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to this application applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and allowance of claims 13-22 and 24-32.

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The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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